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**By Facsimile 212-309-5480 and First Class Mail**

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RE: Security Breach Concerning LexisNexis / Seisint Database

Dear Mr. Sanford:

It is with great concern that this office has reviewed news reports that personal information, including names, addresses, Social Security numbers, and driver license numbers, was inappropriately obtained from your database systems. These reports reflect that this security breach may impact the information of as many as 32,000 Americans.

These news reports have also included information regarding your plans to notify affected consumers. While this office appreciates that effort, we have concerns for those Texas citizens whose information may have been inappropriately obtained and used and would like to ensure that all affected Texas consumers are notified as soon as possible. Further, we would like to discuss how security breaches of this kind may be avoided in the future.

To these ends, this office would appreciate your providing the following additional information: (a) the number of Texas consumers whose information may have been compromised; (b) when you plan to notify Texas consumers; (c) a description of the information which may have been illegally obtained; (d) more information concerning the manner in which personal information of so many consumers was obtained; (e) the specifics of the notification process which you plan to implement; and (f) any information you may have which reflects that any of the Texas consumers on your list are potential victims of identity theft because of this breach.

We would also appreciate having a discussion with you to learn more about the scope of the problem and the best available remedies under the circumstances and would appreciate your contacting this office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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